

# Part 2

## THE LANGUAGE OF CLAY BRICKS

**FBS**

**FBS –  
FACE BRICK  
STANDARD**

Clay bricks that are selected or produced for their durability and uniformity of size and shape.

**NFP**

**NFP –  
NON-FACING  
PLASTERED**

Clay bricks suitable for general building work that is to be plastered.

**FBX**

**FBX –  
FACE BRICK  
EXTRA**

Clay bricks that are selected or produced for their durability and high degree of uniformity of size, shape and colour.

**NFX**

**NFX –  
NON-FACING  
EXTRA**

Clay bricks suitable for use, plastered or unplastered, for general building work below damp-proof course or under damp conditions or below ground level where durability rather than aesthetics is the criterion for selection.

**FBA**

**FBA –  
FACE BRICK  
AESTHETIC**

Clay bricks that are selected or produced for their durability and aesthetic effect deriving from non-uniformity of size, shape or colour.

**E**

**ENGINEERING  
UNITS**

Any class masonry unit produced for structural or load-bearing purposes in face or non-face work, where the manufacturer supplies clay bricks to an agreed compressive strength. An engineering unit is designated by the addition of the letter E followed by a number equal to the nominal compressive strength in megapascals, e.g. FBSE21.

**PA**

**PA CLAY  
PAVERS**

Clay pavers that are selected or produced for their durability and for a high degree of uniformity in size and shape, and that have dimensions such that the ratio of work size length to work size width is approximately 1:1; 2:1 or 3:1.

**PB**

**PB CLAY  
PAVERS**

Clay pavers that are selected or produced for their durability and for their uniformity in size and shape.